



# 21ST CENTURY CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT DIVISION

## Important:

- ~ AYP and STAR Rating results have been released and posted, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/FederalReq/>. Please visit <http://apps.sde.idaho.gov/AYP/> to view school and district results.
- ~ LEP Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) are posted. Please visit: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/IELA/scoreReports.htm> to view the final 2012 AMAO determinations.
- ~ ISAT 2012 Scale Score to Percentile Ranks are posted please visit this site: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/ISAT/results.htm>, to review the reports.
- ~ Smarter Balanced Sample Items can be found by visiting [smarterbalanced.org](http://smarterbalanced.org). You can also access the webinar on Sample Items and Performance tasks at this link: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/commonAssessment/>.

## ISAT

11/12/2012-12/14/2012	ISAT-Fall 2012	<b>Dates for Fall ISAT Testing.</b> Last week of each test window is for make-up tests only. Retesting of 11th and 12th graders only
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### Important updates:

1. New Scores vs. Demographics files are available on the ISAT Results page (listed as "version 2") for the School and District level: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/ISAT/results.htm>. These files provide the ability to sort and compare demographic data in a user friendly format.
2. It has come to our attention that the ISEE file used to populate the ISAT Management Tools did not include a substantial portion of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who still need to take at least one of the content area tests. **Therefore, all districts must review Student Editor to confirm the accuracy of their testing roster and add student records as needed.** Prior to testing this fall, you may need to upload or manually enter students who need to test. Please make sure to use the correct EDUID numbers when adding students to the ISAT Management Tools. Incorrect EDUID numbers will impact final score reports and future tracking of those students with SDE.

For more information please contact Angie Rishell: [arishell@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:arishell@sde.idaho.gov)/208-332-6976

## Assessment Tool

The Assessment Monitoring Tool is now open: <https://apps.sde.idaho.gov/AssessmentMonitoring/Home/Home>

Selected District Test Coordinators will use this Assessment Monitoring Tool to ensure that all federal and state assessment programs are conducted according to state and federal guidelines. The indicators provided are designed to assist districts with examining important areas of assessment training, test administration and testing security for all students. In addition, the indicators focus on the use of accommodations for Special Education or Limited English Proficient Students. Please check the updated District Monitoring Cycle list to verify whether or not your district is part of this year's monitoring cycle.

*Please note: The Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI) has been added to the Assessment Monitoring Tool and the Report Card.*

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## 21st Century Classroom Assessment Division

### SAT/ACCUPLACER



SAT® School Day

#### SAT

In a recent SAT Update, sent via email to all SAT contact personnel, on November 12, 2012, it was communicated that for the 2012-2013 school year, to keep all district SAT personnel well informed, informational communication **only**, will be sent to all school contact personnel. The communication will specify the primary recipient, while copying all other SAT roles. **All other** role-related, specific operational communication will be directed to the designated contact person **only**.

This update was sent out to principals, SAT School Day Point of Contact, SAT Registration Coordinator, SAT Accommodations Coordinator, SAT Online Course Coordinator, and SAT Test Center Supervisor, as reported by high school personnel on the SAT intake form. Copies of district communication can also be found at, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/SATstudentParent.htm>. Please check with the SAT staff in your high school to determine if they did receive the November 12<sup>th</sup> communication; if not, please contact Nichole Hall, [nhall@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:nhall@sde.idaho.gov) or Stephanie Lee, [slee@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:slee@sde.idaho.gov), so the contact information for your school can be updated.

#### SAT Timeline and Overview

The 2012-2013 SAT and ACCUPLACER timeline and overview has been updated and attached for your convenience. This document can also be found on the State Dept. of Education SAT webpage: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/SATstudentParent.htm>, under the Educators & Counselors heading.

An overview of the 2012-2013 SAT School Day can also be found in a Power Point format, on the left side bar of the SAT webpage.

#### SAT Webinars

Webinars on **SAT Implementation** and **SSD Accommodations** will be held in the near future; an *informational* email will be sent to SAT contact personnel and be included in the monthly SDE Assessment Newsletter indicating how district personnel will register for the webinars.

#### SAT Webpage

The SAT webpage on the Idaho State Department of Education (SDE) website, <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/SATstudentParent.htm>, is continually updated to provide school personnel with the most up-to-date documents and links to SAT resources. This webpage not only has documents and links for counselors and educators, students can also access the SAT School Day website from this page. The SAT School Day website will walk students through how to register, how to sign up for the online course for extra practice, and how to plan for college.

#### Reminders:

The SAT Online Course Welcome Kit will be delivered by **November 22nd, for all current sophomores**. The school SAT Online Course Coordinators will then need to distribute access codes to current 10th graders. This year's current juniors should have received their access code last school year. If you do not have an existing code for current 11th graders, please contact [satonlinecourseschool@collegeboard.org](mailto:satonlinecourseschool@collegeboard.org).

**The SAT Center Master Form will be sent via email on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, to SAT Test Center Supervisors. This form will need to be completed and emailed back to the College Board (email address is provided on form) by Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

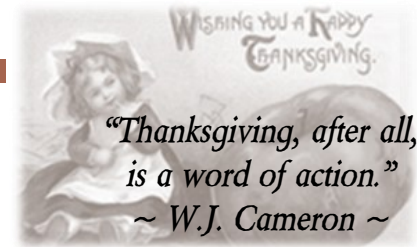
For more information regarding SAT please contact Nichole Hall: [nhall@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:nhall@sde.idaho.gov)/208-332-6933

#### ACCUPLACER

We are currently working with the College Board to set up new webinars for the ACCUPLACER Diagnostic and Placement exams. As soon as the dates are set we will send out the registration information.

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### ISAT Alt. & IRI Alt.

**Special Education Directors and Test Coordinators:** IPASS is now open for teacher and student assignments. Teachers who have assignment codes in ISEE with the numbers 00087-00095 may be missing from your assignment drop down list IPASS. The SDE is working to resolve this issue in IPASS. Until then, please email the missing teachers' name, EDUID and school building to Toni Wheeler at [tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov), and we will manually add these teachers to your IPASS assignment list.

**ISAT Alt:** IPASS will open on December 1 for teachers to begin uploading their students' evidence. **As a reminder:**

- Teachers will need to enter baseline scores for all students and objectives this year.
- IPASS will no longer accept faxed evidence

**IPASS:** The new upgrade to IPASS is near completion. For optimal performance teachers will want to use one of the following browsers:

- IE 8 or 9 (districts who use IE 7 as a default browser will want to upload a newer version)
- Google Chrome
- Firefox

*For more information please contact Toni Wheeler: [tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:tcwheeler@sde.idaho.gov)/208-332-6957*

### IRI/ERI

As you all know, this was the first year we implemented the new IRI web application. I'd like to thank you for your patience with the new process; I have heard from a lot of you that new application was a more efficient way to input data. After reviewing the IRI data against ISEE enrollment data we can determine we have more valid and accurate data. The enrollment data and IRI data are aligning remarkably well. IRI reports and graphs should be available next week. You can access a few from SchoolNet and a few from the IRI web application.

This new process did display the number of students that are re-tested on the IRI after they have transferred from one school to another either within the same district or a different district within the state. For this reason, I have created a few new documents that can be used for spring. We are hoping the use of these documents will cut down the number of discrepancies some districts experienced this fall. We would like your feedback on the documents. If you are interested in reviewing these documents please email [slee@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:slee@sde.idaho.gov). If you would, please include any feedback regarding the documents, along with the new IRI web application, ISEE upload process, and discrepancy issues. Your feedback is very valuable to the SDE and we are grateful for any of you willing to take the time to review them.

*For more information please contact Stephanie Lee: [slee@sde.idaho.gov](mailto:slee@sde.idaho.gov)/208-332-6903*

### NAEP

As the NAEP assessment approaches, over 330 Idaho schools will be involved. NAEP strives to include students with disabilities (SWD) and English Language Learners (ELL). Many accommodations made on the ISAT can also be made on the NAEP assessment. In order to get a true picture of what the majority of Idaho students can do at grades 4, 8, and 12, it is critical that SD and ELL be included in the assessment process. Therefore, NAEP exclusions are made for students who take the ISAT-Alt or who are ELL, less than one year. All other students should be included in NAEP, with or without accommodations allowed by NAEP. For more questions regarding accommodations please contact Angela Hemingway.

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## Formative/Interim Assessment

### Best Practices Assessments Surveys

The Idaho State Department of Education is collecting data on current assessment practices. This will guide future support and professional development offerings as we prepare for the new Smarter Balanced assessments and the use of assessments in SchoolNet. Please assist us by participating in one of the following surveys depending on your role.

- Administrators: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/DIST-ADMIN](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DIST-ADMIN)
- Teachers: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCHL-TEACH](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCHL-TEACH)

### Student Focus Groups on Assessment

The SDE is asking for volunteer schools that would be willing to provide a student focus group regarding assessment. A focus group is a thoughtfully planned discussion designed to obtain perceptions regarding a specific area of interest in a safe, structured environment. The defined area of interest in this case centers on assessment. There are multiple users of assessments in schools. The primary user of assessment practices is the student. Assessment practices impact students and their learning. Yet we rarely ask students to share their perceptions of testing and how it supports their learning. As part of the state's effort to support Idaho schools and districts in the development of sound assessment practices, both formative and summative, the perceptions of students will be investigated. The belief is that students' viewpoints will provide insights not currently being considered but which will optimally support learning. For more information visit the Formative/Interim assessment web page. <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/formativeInterim/support.htm>

### Best Practices in Formative & Interim Assessment Recognition Program

Educators earn points for implementing formative & interim assessment strategies and sharing successes. Points translate into additional dollars for classroom budgets. Recognition categories established for individual classroom teachers, grade/content teams, and schools. Information is available on the SDE Assessment Web Page. More information is available on the Assessment website. <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/formativeInterim/>

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## IELA

The 2012-2013 school year, will be the second year that all LEP student demographics will be pulled from ISEE and sent on to the IELA vendor, Questar, for upload to Service Point, for pre-ID purposes. This information will be available for districts to view during the IELA Pre-ID window, December 3, 2012 through January 4, 2013

Questar Assessment, Inc. and the Idaho Department of Education have worked together to create a training presentation to prepare you for the Pre-ID period. The PowerPoint is available for download at ServicePoint (<https://id-servicepoint.questarai.com/>), or at the Idaho State Department of Education's website <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/assessment/IELA/admin.htm>. We strongly encourage you to read through the Power Point and contact us with any questions you may have.

The following are important dates to be aware of; please meet with your district IT people before each ISEE upload to guarantee that LEP information is correct. The first IELA Pre-ID File export, in October, was for review purposes only; the file was reviewed for student count inconsistencies. Nichole Hall, IELA Coordinator, contacted districts if information appeared incorrect. If you have not been contacted, the October file identified a similar LEP student count compared to the last school year. If you have been contacted, please respond and let us know if the count obtained in the October file was correct. If you have already responded, thank you!

**October 15th – Monthly ISEE Upload Deadline**

**October 26th – First IELA Pre-ID File export**

**November 16th – Monthly ISEE Upload Deadline**

**November 27th – Second IELA Pre-ID File export to be imported into Service Point for District editing**

**IELA Pre-ID Window - December 3, 2012 through January 4, 2013.**

**December 21st – Monthly ISEE Upload Deadline**

**December 27th – Third IELA Pre-ID File to extract new students**

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Assessment	Testing Date	Assessment	Testing Date
NAEP	Jan. - Feb. - March 2013	ISAT	April 8th to May 10th
IRI-AA	Spring - April 8 to May 10th	ISAT-Alt.	Oct. 15th to Feb. 28th
IRI	Fall - Aug. 20th to Sept. 28th Spring - April 8 to May 10th	IELA	Pre ID -window Dec. 3 to Jan. 4 Testing Window Feb. 19 to April 1
SAT	April 17th	ACCUPLACER	March 25th to May 3rd